

REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO THE PRESIDENT'S MURDER

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Friday, November 22, 1963 at 12:25 pm Marvin Johnson 879 and myself, while working as partners, went into the Dallas Cafe, located at 3007 Lemmon Avenue, to eat lunch. Johnson and I sat down at the table and looked at the menu. I told Johnson to order for me that I was going to call the office and tell them that we would be out at this location. I called the office and talked to Lt. Wells. I told Lt. Wells that we would be out to eat, and the Lieutenant informed me that the President had been shot and to return to the office immediately. I hung up the phone, told Johnson that the President had been shot, and we were to return to the office immediately. We got into our car and returned to the city hall and our office.

Upon our return to the office Lt. Wells told us to report to Elm and Houston. We got into our car and drove to Elm and Houston and arrived there approximately 12:50 pm. Detective Johnson and myself entered the building, Texas Book Depository, and went directly to the 6th floor where we contacted Captain Frits. Captain Frits put Johnson protecting part of the scene on the 6th floor and myself protecting the part of the scene where the window was that the shooting took place. I remained at this location in the Texas Book Depository on the 6th floor until Det. Studebaker of the crime lab search section had dusted the windows and surrounding boxes for prints. I found a long brown paper sack looking item that looked homemade. It was beneath and to the left of the window where the shooting took place. I believed this to be the container that the rifle Oswald used was in. Det. Studebaker dusted this item and initialed it. Det. Johnson and myself initialed it also. Det. Johnson had a Dr. Pepper bottle that was in the area of the scene that he was protecting. Det. Studebaker dusted this item for prints. Approximately 2:30 pm upon completion of the work of

the Crime Scene Search Section. Det. Johnson and myself took the Dr. Pepper bottle and the brown paper sack looking item to crime laboratory on the 4th floor of the city hall. Det. Johnson carried the bottle and I carried the sack to the car. Det. Johnson was driving the car. I held all items from the Texas Book Depository to the crime lab. Upon our arrival at the crime lab, these two items were turned over to Det. H. R. Williams of the crime lab. Det. Johnson and myself then returned to our office on the 3rd floor of the city hall.

We arrived back at our office approximately 3:00 pm. From then until 2:00 am November 23, 1963 I answered the telephone and assisted in bringing Oswald from the jail to our office and back to the jail. At 2:00 am November 23, 1963 I was told by Captain Frits to go home and return at 8:00 am. At 8:00 am on November 23, 1963 I returned to the office. I answered the phone and stood by for further orders. At 12:30 pm on November 23, 1963 Det. Johnson and myself were told by Lt. T. F. Wells to go to the Oak Cliff Cab Co. at Davis and Tyler Streets and contact a driver by the name of W. W. Scoggins and bring him to the city hall. Upon our arrival at the cab company we were advised that this driver was standing by the cab stand at the Adolphus Hotel at Commerce and Akard. This driver Scoggins was advised to meet us at the Yellow Cab Co. office at 610 S. Akard. Upon our arrival at 610 S. Akard we contacted W. W. Scoggins. The cab supervisor on duty at 610 S. Akard told Det. Johnson and myself that there was another driver on duty at this time that had said he had picked Oswald up at the Grayhound Bus Station. We advised this supervisor that we needed to talk with this driver also. The supervisor contacted the driver and had him to report to the office at 610 S. Akard. The driver, Bill Whaley, came to the office and Det. Johnson, W. W. Scoggins, Bill Whaley and myself returned to the city hall to our office at 1:30 pm.

Upon our arrival at our office I took Bill Whaley into Captain Nichols' office in the Auto Theft Bureau to take an affidavit of fact from him. Mr. Whaley gave an affidavit to the effect that he had picked Oswald up at the Greyhound Bus Station at 12:30 pm on November 22, 1963 and let Oswald out in the 500 Blk. of North Beckley at 12:45 pm on November 22, 1963. The affidavit was typed up by Patsy Collins and was notarized by her when Mr. Whaley signed it. Mr. Whaley and Mr. Scoggins were then returned to the Yellow Cab office at 610 S. Akard by other officers from our bureau.

I stood by the office answering the telephone and awaiting further orders. At 9:30 pm on November 23, 1963 I was advised by Captain Frits to go home and return to the office at 8:00 am on November 24, 1963.

I returned to the office at 8:00 am and reported for duty. I answered the phone and stood by for further orders. At 9:30 am Detectives Leavell and Graves went up to the 5th floor jail and brought Oswald down to Captain Frits's office at which time Captain Frits started interrogating him. Present at this interrogation, to the best of my knowledge, were Mr. Kelly of Secret Service; Mr. Holmes, Postal Inspector; Mr. Sorrells of Secret Service; Captain Frits, Detectives C. M. Phority, J. R. Leavell, L. C. Graves and myself. This interrogation lasted until approximately 11:15 am at which time I, along with the others, was advised by Captain Frits that we were going to transfer Oswald.